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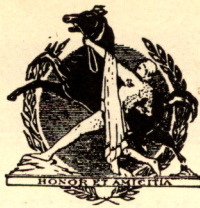
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## KEEPING POSTED

**C**HAIRMAN John Hickey, back from holiday in Grafton, had a thoroughly enjoyable time without backing any winners — and looks in the best of health.

**M**OST people would feel unfortunate to have their car stolen once. So have a commiserating drink with Ken Fidden, who missed his twice in as many weeks; minor damage each time, but recovered minus radio and tools.

**A**LAN TURNER, up in Brisbane with Bill MacDonald, was introduced by Bill to so many people that occasionally he lost the thread of them. Ask him about the time he confused a course Official with someone he had met with Bill — and very nearly embarrassed the two of them.

### "NATIVE SON" TROPHY WINNER



*Bill Kirwan, winner of the Swimming Club's "Native Son" Annual Point Score for 1952, with a record-breaking 179 points.*

**S**VERRE KAAATEN, who will be referee of the Australian Ski Jumping competitions to be held at Guthega, 60 miles west of Cooma, within a week or two, is expecting his record to be easily eclipsed. At the time of writing, Sverre is still the holder with a jump of 132 ft. made some years ago at Charlotte's Pass. There has been a great increase in popularity of ski jumping since the arrival in Australia of the Norwegian workers on the Snowy River project, and the competitions held by the N.S.W. Ski Council presided over by Sverre, are this year in three sections, and have attracted a great number of competitors.

*Footnote: Sverre's record was broken by Syvert Raynevand with a jump of 51 metres — about 160 feet.*

## EDITORIAL: Money's Worth.

*Much happening to currencies today is playing such queer tricks with costs that people have become more selective in their spending.*

*Where one time the average fellow would, without question, pay for the next-best, if the best were not available, he now demands money's worth.*

*A good thing, too, for our personal fortunes as well as for the national economy. Look back over the records of fallen enterprises, even fallen dynasties and fallen civilisations, and you will find the imprint of improvidence, the prelude to moral decline.*

*This is not to sermonise, but to point a moral: You are demanding money's worth in your club. You are sensitive about service for instance.*

*Are you getting money's worth? We think you are. If you think not, let us know the details. Your suggestion (or complaint) will be readily attended to and righted if it be within our physical or financial capacity. Fair enough, isn't it?*

*Don't stew over things irking you. Contact the secretary. He will hear you out. Likewise, if you have a constructive suggestion, even something pleasing to say, let us hear from you.*



# Happy Birthday to You!

## AUGUST

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| 1 S. J. Fox       | 18 Professor       |
| R. V. Curtin      | J. D. Stewart      |
| J. S. Hansor      | L. J. Hooker       |
| 3 L. J. Abrahams  | 19 C. E. Blanksby  |
| 4 W. L. P. Hind   | 21 N. C. Malley    |
| 6 P. B. Lusk      | C. E.              |
| J. L. Hughes      | Chapman            |
| G. J. N. Jeffery  | E. S. Petrie       |
| D. F. McCallum    | 22 P. B. Lindsay   |
| 7 A. T. Selman    | C. E. A.           |
| 9 D. Regis        | Bingham            |
| Flanagan          | 23 M. Tobin        |
| G. Fienberg       | F. McGrath         |
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| R. E. Mills       | 25 K. D. Francis   |
| 11 L. Scott-      | W. G. Simpson      |
| Ehrenberg         | W. T. Kerr         |
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| Clem Hill         | 27 D. A.           |
| 13 J. R. Gates    | McDonald           |
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| Colonel A. A.     | Calwell            |
| Walter            | O. G. Havelock     |
| A. Lash           | Sinfield           |
| 15 R. B. Hughes   | 29 Dr. H.          |
| T. B. Garry       | Seamonds           |
| C. M. Rose        | W. W. Killough     |
| S. Biber          | A. A. Cooper       |
| 17 R. J. Hastings | 30 Arthur Langley  |
| L. J. Sweeney     | 31 Emil Sodersten  |

## SEPTEMBER

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| 1 P. E. Smith    | 17 S. E. Chatter-  |
| R. P. Miller     | ton                |
| 2 P. M. King     | H. V. S. Kirby     |
| W. H. Bentley    | Ronald Payne       |
| R. Westfield     | 18 W. J. P. Dow-   |
| R. H. Taylor     | sett               |
| G. R. Hewson     | 20 Dr. K. J. Byers |
| 3 G. T. Rowe     | C. H. Dodds        |
| Elliott Randall  | 21 Mark Barnett    |
| D. Macpherson    | 22 John Hickey     |
| N. V. Browne     | E. F. Krieger      |
| L. F. Thorpe     | A. S. Price        |
| 4 W. G. Hutch-   | R. C. Harris       |
| inson            | 23 Rex Cullen-     |
| 5 S. M. Norton   | Ward               |
| L. A. Silk       | C. Y. Varley       |
| 6 W. C. Adams    | 24 Sir Samuel      |
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| 12 N. V. Coxon   | S. Stein           |
| 13 A. O. Romano  | F. A. McCure       |
| Leo Cunich       | 28 E. A. Nettle-   |
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| W. Ditfort       | J. R. Strong       |
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| 16 A. L. King    | W. H. Sellen       |
| L. Hasemer       | G. D. Banks        |
| E. M. Adnam      | J. R. McKenzie     |

**S**ICK List Reports: Stan Chatterton is now well on the mend. Stan Crick and C. E. Munro are both in hospital — we hope only briefly. To all of our friends and fellow-members who are off-colour, we wish the speediest of recoveries.

**L**AATEST report says that Arthur Harrison is progressing well and will soon be around the Club again.

**I**T'S a question who merits the congratulations — Les Harrison or the Farmer and Settler Newspaper. Anyway, 14th August sees Les complete 45 years with the paper — and 45 years is a very long time.

**A**NOTHER long record of service was honoured by a dinner — Leslie Davie who tops Les Harrison's record by five years, recently completed 50 years with Gollin and Company.

**F**AIR exchange: W. R. Hauslaib left last month on a business trip to U.S.A. and later intends to go to the Continent. Trainer Tom Smith, on the other hand, has just returned from a trip to the East and U.S.A.

**A**NOTHER fair exchange: Jack Saba is off to the U.S.A. to visit his daughter in Arizona. Leo Keating has recently returned from the States — speak-

ing particularly high of our affiliated Clubs over there, and the help and hospitality they offer the lonely traveller.

**T**ED ABBOTT and Sid Baker have been concerned about the A.J.C.'s suggestion on members' dress for forthcoming important Meetings. But they have recently announced that they have solved the problem, at least as far as headgear is concerned — Ted is borrowing Danny Lewis' "hard-hitter," and Sid has an option on Alf Genge's. Too bad for the rest of us as that just about exhausts the local supply.

**J.** R. (DICK) LEWIS has recently been discharged from Repat. General Hospital (Concord) — and will be about again good as new by the time you read this.

**F**RANK GOLDBERG continues to show improvement, and has been able to leave for a short health trip abroad.

**I**T was pleasant to see Basil Wilson again, up from his property at Mount Cambewarra, near Nowra — and looking particularly fit and well.

**A**NOTHER fortunate traveller United States-ward is Joe Goldberg, off for a trip combining business with pleasure.

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## KEEPING POSTED

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**C**OMMITTEEMAN Frank Carberry, who joined the usual winter migration to sunny Queensland and the Doomben, is back again after an enjoyable trip — looking particularly fit after his break.

**A** GATHERING of Sydney's Jewellers graced the Club on 27th July, and tendered a complimentary dinner to Adolph Basser. News of the guest-of-honour's munificent gifts to the University was given in the last Magazine; this dinner was his confreres' gesture of high regard for a man who has gained eminence both in and out of his business field.

**W.** T. FRANKLIN has been having a spell of very indifferent health, and members will join in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

**G**EORGE RENWICK also has not been well, but latest reports say he is now well on the mend.

***SPECIAL congratulations to Asher Joel. The best of good reasons — his wife has presented him with a bouncing baby daughter.***

**W.** J. PAYNE, recently recovered from a serious illness, is away for a leisurely World Tour to complete his convalescence. Another traveller who left during this month is J. W. Muir — away to the U.K. and U.S.A.

**A** MINISTER of the Crown gets many compliments paid to him during his term of office — mostly by service-seekers, mostly with some interest in view. So Bill Sheahan — to be more correct, the Hon. W. F. Sheahan, Q.C., Attorney-General — was particularly happy when the Shire Council of his own district, Gundagai, made a presentation to him recently at a happy little get-together that had no self-seeking about it.

**M**OST card players have heard tales of amazing hands being dealt — of Contract where one received thirteen of the one suit, or of a poker player being dealt a royal flush in hearts. But generally these happenings are only talked about — never actually witnessed. However, a similar happening befell David Alexander recently when playing Dominoes in the Club with Messrs. McDonald, Brett and Paul. He picked — at random — the seven Fives; and the odds against doing that, run into the thousands. David wonders whether anyone has heard of the same thing occurring in the Club before.

**M**ORE Sick List reports: F. W. Duesbury had a short spell in hospital but is now nearly

himself again. W. J. Blyth is in hospital too, but his friends hope soon to have better news of him.

## EXHIBITION BY WALTER LINDRUM

**W**EDNESDAY evening, 29th July, proved very enjoyable for those members and their friends who were present in the Club Room to witness the wonderful exhibition given by what is considered the world's greatest exponent of English Billiards. The large attendance was a great compliment to Walter Lindrum and the Committee of the Club. Many of the seemingly impossible shots were executed with ease and to Mr. Lindrum they were sure of success.

The trick shots, for which this player is famous, were applauded long and loudly. Onlookers really enjoyed the exhibition by their generous applause, whilst members still relate to those who did not come along the great entertainment that was missed by them.

No doubt it will be possible for Mr. Lindrum to give another exhibition at a later date, when there will surely be another crowded house.

## NOTICE

### N.S.W. State Amateur Billiards and Snooker Championships

**BILLIARDS:** Games commence in the Club on Monday next, 10th August, at 8 p.m., and conclude with Final on 20th and 21st instant.

**NOTE:** Heats one session of 2 hours. Semi Final and Finals two sessions each 2 hours.

**SNOOKER:** Games commence in the Club on Monday, 24th August, at 8 p.m., and conclude Thursday, 3rd September, 1953.

**NOTE:** Heats 5 Frames. Semi Final and Finals 7 Frames.



# HANDBALL



## **"Winooka" Trophy Competition Progresses, but Slowly**

**The Competition for the "Winooka Trophy" has been delayed owing to illness of a couple of our contestants.**

**G**EORGE GOLDIE and Bruce Partridge have both been off-colour and the game in which they are to play are the only ones required to complete the first round.

The results to date in the first round are shown in the table below.

The remaining two games to be played are George Goldie v. Viv Thicknesse and Bruce

Partridge v. G. Godhard, whilst waiting for these competitors to play, the competition has progressed into the second round with other games and some very fine contests have been played. Geoff Eastment defeated Gordon Boulton 41-30. Peter Lindsay defeated Clarrie Woodfield 41-36. Neill Barrell defeated Geoff Laforest 41-33. John Shaffron defeated Trevor Barrell 41-33 and Eddie Davis defeated Ken Francis 41-37. All of these games were keenly contested and congratulations must go to the winners.

Winners		Losers	
Geoff Eastment	(41) v.	G. McGilvray	(31)
G. Boulton	(41) v.	A. McCawley	(30)
C. Chatterton	(41) v.	W. Kirwin	(32)
C. Woodfield	(W.O.) v.	G. Pratten	
P. B. Lindsay	(42) v.	A. Magill	(40)
G. Laforest	(W.O.) v.	W. Phillips	
Neil Barrell	(41) v.	H. E. Davis	(37)
John Shaffron	(41) v.	Bob Adams	(39)
Trevor Barrell	(41) v.	L. Silk	(36)
H. Castles (Sub. for Z. Lazarus)	(41) v.	E. T. Penfold	(36)
Peter Hill	(42) v.	M. Sellen	(40)
Eric Thompson	(41) v.	J. O. Dexter	(16)
K. Francis (Sub. for John Buckle)	(45) v.	M. Fuller	(43)
E. E. Davis	(41) v.	Fred Harvie	(35)

### **Personal Pals**

All handball members were concerned to know that Harry Davis' wife had to enter St. Vincent's Private Hospital recently for an operation. They will all be glad to know that Mrs. Davis is now out of Hospital and progressing very nicely.

### **BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

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## **BOOKING OFFICE FIRST FLOOR**

**A Booking Office is operating for the convenience of Members.**

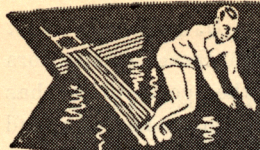
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**HOURS :**

Mon. to Fri.: 11.30 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.45; Saturdays : 11 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.

**M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.**





## IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

# Swimming Club Completes Highly Successful Season

**"A bumper season" was the way Swimming Club Hon. Secretary Jack Dexter summed up the activities of the Swimming Club's recently ended 1952/1953 season, and as John has held the reins of office for 25 years he should know.**

NOT only from the sporting and enjoyment side was the season a fine show but also from the popularity side if the numbers of members who raced can be taken as a guide.

Over sixty members participated in the thirty-eight events held and the average number of starters was twenty-four.

The races held necessitated the running of 241 heats and finals which means that the racing officials did not have much time to spare during the luncheon hour, but they seemed to enjoy it just as much as the swimmers, even though there were times when the onlookers wanted to bring along spectacles for the judges in the good old honoured way.

That Handicapper John Gunton made a good job of his adjustments is shown by the fact that there were nine dead heats for first in finals and eleven in heats and on most other occasions a camera would have come in handy and settled an argument or two.

Bill Kirwan took pride of place in number of final wins, his tally being nine with two seconds and four thirds to help him win the "Native Son" Annual Point Score with a record number of 179 points.

Following him were John Dexter, 5-3-4, Peter Lindsay, 5-1-4, Fred Harvie, 5-2-5, Bruce Chiene, 4-1-3, George Goldie, 4-3-1, Trevor Barrell, 3-3-4, Viv Thicknesse, 3-1-1, Vic Richards, 3-1-0, Clive Hoole, 3-5-0, Jerry Creer, 3-2-0, Bob Harris, 3-4-1, Jack Shaffran, 3-1-2.

Thirty-one members won finals or tied for first in finals and forty-nine did the same thing in heats.

Most prolific heat winners were Bill Kirwan and John Dexter with 16 each, followed by Harvie 13, Davis and McCamley 12, Francis 11, Trevor Burrell, Lindsay, Hoole and Murray 10, Chiene and Harris 9, Fuller, Bill Phillips, Goldie and Shaffran 8.

Monthly Point Scores were won by Goldie, Lindsay, Kirwan, Creer, Shaffran, Chiene and Hoole, whilst Murray, Kirwan, Hoole and Harris split two others between them.

It was interesting to note that whilst George Goldie was first to the finishing line on four occasions each time he only tied first and Trevor Barrell's three wins were also dead heats for first.

Neither Harvie nor Dexter who finished second and fourth respectively in the year's total

points managed to win a Monthly Point Score though they each won five finals and collected 29 heats between them.

Since the resumption of activities in 1946/7 after the war the "Native Son" trophies for most points scored during a season have been contested seven times and, with the exception of 1948/9, Clive Hoole has been in a place every time, winning once and tying for second once and being third four times.

Stuart Murray's record is quite good too, with four seconds.

Easiest wins in the "Native Son" contests were Hoole's 14½ points win over Murray in 1946/7 and Bill Kirwan's win by the same margin over Fred Harvie in 1952/3.

Closest battles were Vic Richards' win by three points over Murray in 1949/50 and John Dexter junior's victory by four points over Murray in 1950/1.

So now another season has ended on a high note and the swimmers have now turned handballers, but, judging from the silent gallops in which many of them are performing at present, there'll be no lack of condition when the new season starts in October.

Before that the annual get-together of the Swimming Club Ball will be held in the Club on Saturday evening, 19th September, when there will be much talk of what might have been,



the Presentation of Trophies and the chance for the boys to show their ladies just how they won or nearly won the races of the season.

Tattersall's Club members must have been very happy over the successes of John Henricks in the Japanese 100 and 200 metres Championships recently, as he has been training in the pool, and not so long ago showed them some real swimming there in an exhibition swim over 100 yards in 52 seconds

The invitation to swim in Japan was at rather short notice and in our off-season. He probably would not have considered going only for the fact that he had had some swimming in our pool, the only heated indoor pool in Sydney, and even then it was not hard training but rather conditioning work.

With that and only a short training routine in the pool and at Townsville, he showed what a truly remarkable swimmer he is by swimming the 100 metres in Japan in 57.4 secs.

Hats off to this fine young swimmer whose charming manner and personality has endeared him to all who have met him!

Our club has a further interest in the Japanese tour as club member Bill Phillips accompanied Henricks as manager.

## BOWLING NOTES



**Our Tuesday Knockout Competition has now been completed and is acclaimed by all competitors as a major success.**

ON June 30 the semi-finals were held and both were excellent games. Jago, Buckle, McAlister, Dickson (Manly Golf) 27, beat Marks, Owen, Scougall, Bailey (R.A.C.A.) 24.

In the other semi-final, Mad-dock, Powell, Burdon and Rinaldi (Insurance) defeated Josselyn, Sullivan, Williamson, O'Neill (City Tatts.) by 22 to 21 after a great game. A 4 and a 2 on the 25th and 21st ends gave the Insurance rink a lead which Bill O'Neill and his men just failed to overtake.

The final was played on July 7 and Les Dickson's rink was victorious by 10 shots over Frank Rinaldi's four. The bowls were not as good as played by both rinks on previous occasions, but in finals this often happens. Hearty congratulations to Les Dickson and his rink. They played very solidly right through the tourney and thoroughly deserved their win.

At the conclusion of the game the trophies were presented by President Gordon Booth, who said the usual appropriate things. Both winners and runners-up suitably responded and appeared to be very proud of their trophies which were attained through the good work of Treasurer, Joe Saulwick.

On July 9 three rinks visited Pratten Park Club, and after a close exciting game emerged victorious by 1 shot.

We also played two games against Harbord Club. We were beaten at Harbord but won at Double Bay. A third and deciding game is set down for Harbord at an early date. We are invited to lunch, afternoon tea and

supper, and should any of our members wish to stay for breakfast, it is certain that this grand bunch of chaps will be on top with bacon and eggs.

On July 20 our Annual General Meeting was held, and the report and balance sheet showed the club continues to progress, and the finances to be in a health condition.

The only changes in the office bearers was Alex Buckle, elected hon. secretary in lieu of Bill Hale who was elected vice president. Due to the fact that Bill will spend a considerable time in Queensland and contemplates a trip overseas during the next year, he deemed it advisable to relinquish the post of hon. secretary. He has done a great job, and we are all most appreciative of his splendid services. A sub-committee was appointed to arrange some fresh competitions, and we hope to announce details at an early date.

Ruscoe Ball and Sam Peters have been hitting the high-lights at Kensington and we think it won't be long before one or both of these good gallopers "go off."

### Great Win by Ken Williams

The highlight of the month took place at Double Bay Club on July 19 when Ken Williams defeated Alan Kippax 31-26 in the Singles Handicap. Alan appeared to have a grip on the game on two occasions in the closing stages, but Ken brought off two masterly drives to clinch the issue. Ken's bowling hand is still tender after his very many congratulatory handshakes. Anyhow, Ken, keep up the good work.



# ***Two Fine Sportsmen*** ***—Father and Son***

## **BRUCE HODGSON, RECORD-BREAKING SWIMMER**

### **Follows in Bob Hodgson's Footsteps**

**One of the faces that international sportsman Snowy Baker particularly missed when he was in the Club last year, was the well-remembered face of Bob Hodgson. For Bob had been, together with Duncan Parbery, one of Baker's cronies back in the days after the turn of the century.**

**T**HE three were members of the N.S.W. Lancers together and there was one epic occasion when Bob and Snowy fought out the horseback wrestling — with Snowy the winner by the barest of margins. Duncan Parbery went on to develop into one of the finest amateur boxers that Australia has produced; Snowy achieved fame in many fields of sport. And Bob Hodgson, who, like Baker, enjoyed giving anything a "go," gained a great deal of pleasure and proficiency in many games without aspiring to the heights reached by his two friends.

"To be moderate in all things and mayhap to excel in one," was a precept of Bob Hodgson. And excel in one he did — for there are many members of the Club who think of him as the grandest example of true sportsmanship in everything he did or undertook. There were many friends to mourning his passing from us in 1951.

His son Bruce follows in his footsteps — in business and in sportsmanship as well. A quiet and modest man, a friendly man, Bruce Hodgson is welcome wherever his father was welcome — and that is everywhere in the

circles that we know. But, while following his father's principle of proficiency in a number of sports, Bruce also excelled particularly in one — in swimming. And perhaps was unlucky not to have reached international standard.

Bruce credits Alf Collins with introducing him to competitive swimming — it was Alf who induced him to join Bondi Swimming Club and to enter his first races. Still at Scots, Bruce did not really get bitten with the swimming bug until after he had left school. He won the Scots College swimming championship, but he also played football for the school, rowed with the eights and developed himself as a miler. He took the all-schools' 3rd division mile one year, at a time when they used to run a mile championship, and third, second and first divisions in that order of precedence. To round it off Bruce also shot in Scot's rifle team.

It was after he left school that the thrill of competitive swimming gripped him. He swam intensively for Bondi, then for Manly, and then again for North Bondi Surf Club. His name appears again and again in the annals of swimming between

1930 and 1937. He was always up in the front line of N.S.W. swimmers, freestyle sprint and backstroke, and was probably unfortunate that he failed to gain an Australian championship.

However, Bruce broke the Australian 220 yards backstroke record in 2 mins. 53.1 secs. at Bondi in 1931 — a record that stood for some years. He held the Bondi Baths 220 freestyle record at 2.21.3. And later he took the Club's Pool 100 yards record at 55 secs., a record that stood until the days of Bill Kendall.

By 1936 Bruce had turned his swimming ability to the surf. In 1937 he was a member of the Australian surf team that toured New Zealand — an instructional and exhibition tour that gave a tremendous impetus to New Zealand Surf Clubs and teams. The Australian team was undefeated — actually they found more competition from the bitterly cold water than from the New Zealanders, although Bruce remembers particularly fine swimmers in New Zealanders Franklin and John Dalton.

Jack Miller was also in the surf team, and both he and Bruce recall the hospitality of another club member, Stan Nielson, who entertained the team in New Plymouth.

Bruce and Jack Miller were also in the N.S.W. team that toured Tasmania in 1936 on a purely instructional basis — a tour highlighted with interest and hospitality.



# CLUB'S CHELMSFORD STAKES brings out the Champions

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1937 saw Bruce married and "retired" to gardening, but he has found time since the war to play cricket with I. Zingari and some golf (off 16) with Australian Golf Club.

In all this sporting activity, his father was his guide, mentor and friend. But the father and son combination went far further. After he had left school, Bob sent Bruce to Tom Fitzsimons at Maize Products to have the rough edges knocked off, but it was not long before Bruce joined his father's indent company. In 1939 the pair opened a factory for the English firm of Harry Peck, with Bruce as managing director and his father as chairman. The war rather cut across their plans, and Bruce saw service with Jack Miller in the 2/5 Field Regiment R.A.A. — Vic Richards trained with them but was not actually with their unit during their service in New Guinea.

After the war Bruce resumed his place at Harry Peck and Co., and took over the Chairmanship on his father's death.

Beside all this business and sporting activity, Bruce Hodgson found time to make a pleasant home at Vacluse. He married Miss Kitty MacKay, who was an Australian Olympian representative swimmer, and their fourteen-year-old son, as might be expected, shows some considerable interest in swimming. But whether he reaches the front rank in competition or not, he will be sure of one thing: that he will be the finest of sportsmen, with the precept of his father Bruce and his grandfather Bob, before him.

**Tattersall's Club enjoys the distinction of providing the Sydney Turf with four races of outstanding importance each year — the Carrington Stakes, the Tattersall's Club Cup, the James Barnes' Stakes and the Chelmsford Stakes. The last named, to be run this year at the Club's Meeting on 12th September, has tended to attract aspirants for Derby honours.**

**T**HERE have been many occasions, also, when leading lights for Epsom and Metropolitan have been contenders — in fact, the Chelmsford Stakes may be called a race for champions.

Not as ancient in origin as the Club Cup (1868) and the Carrington (1886), nevertheless the Chelmsford will, this year, be run for the 53rd time.

Limerick and Delta hold the record for the number of wins, each having scored on three consecutive occasions. Limerick won first as a three-year-old in 1926 and then followed up in 1927 and 1928.

Delta's successes are of course, recent history — in fact, members have almost felt that Delta had a first-option on the race.

In 1950 Adolph Bassier's horse won in a photo-finish from Snowstream. He scored again in 1951, taking the event comfortably from Mr. E. R. William's Hydrogen — and then, of course, going on later to take the Melbourne Cup.

Last year Delta capped his previous performances to win again from Hydrogen, breaking the Randwick and Australian nine-furlong records in 1.49½ — a grand effort. Members will be a little sorry that the champion, now retired to the stud, will not be at Randwick to grace the occasion yet again.

To hark back to Limerick's time; his successes were the forerunner of a long run of New Zealand bred horses. Following

him came the mighty Phar Lap, Ammon Ra, Mala, Royal Chief, Defaulter, Beau Livre, Beau Vite and Sleepy Fox.

The race has been a fairly good one for three-year-olds. Heroic, Limerick, Ammon Ra, Gaine Carrington, Gold Rod, Tribal and Delta were all successful at that tender age.

It is interesting to note that three horses who won the event in recent years are now in America.

They are Tribal — who was a maiden winner in 1943; Bernborough and Bernbrook.

But the Chelmsford has not always been a story of unalloyed good fortune. The race has been particularly unlucky for several class performers. High Caste, for one, was runner-up on two successive occasions; in 1940 to Beau Livre, and a year later to Beau Vite.

Another class weight-for-age performer, Katanga, has a similar experience, being second to Tribal in 1943 and again to Veiled Threat in 1944. And then Hydrogen mentioned above, who twice came second to Delta.

At the time of writing it is far too early to suggest who will be the winner of this year's Chelmsford Stakes. But a glance through the names mentioned from years past will be a fair guarantee that the winner's name will be heard again in later months of the racing season. For the Chelmsford Stakes has truly been a Race of Champions.



# MARYLANDS

## *A Small Stud with a Big Record*

**Every year come buyers from all parts of Australia to the yearling sales at Sydney, looking for another Phar Lap or Bernborough. Progeny of world-famous stallions and mares from the mighty studs of N.S.W. parade the sale ring; in the biggest gamble of the turf colts and fillies are "knocked down" for bids ranging from 100 guineas to around the 5,000 guineas mark.**

**B**UT, luckily for the racing game, there is no certainty that the yearlings who bring the top prices will develop into the champions of the future. Records prove that the buyer with a very definite bidding limit has more than an outside chance of becoming the owner of a high-class thoroughbred. And it is no certainty that the champion two-year-old of the season will be bred at one of the rich studs of N.S.W. The outstanding colt or filly of the season may come from a small and comparatively unknown stud. That's part of the great gamble.

Probably one of the best small studs in Australia is Marylands at Castle Hill, N.S.W., about 22 miles from Sydney. Marylands Stud has a record which, if it were general, would take a lot of uncertainty out of the annual yearling gamble. In the past nine years the property has submitted over 40 yearlings for sale, about half of whom have been race winners — and this year's batch have yet to start in a race.

A winning average of nearly 50 p.c. is exceptional. Not even the most optimistic could believe that half, or even one-third of the yearlings offered for sale would prove racecourse winners.

Yearlings bred at Marylands' Stud include Riptide, best two-year-old of his season, London-derry, Free Rule and now Prince Morvi. Other winners bred at Marylands include Clubman, King Richard, Quanmoona, Channel Rip, Channel Star, Grand Boy and Nagpani. Average price realised for the yearlings sold to date is 1,000 guineas.

Luck has played little part in the success of the Marylands Stud. It is a story of hard work, judgment, and faith in a belief (not shared by experts) that land close to Sydney could be made suitable for raising first-class racing stock.

The experts said Mr. A. V. Meehan was crazy when he wanted to start a thoroughbred stud near Sydney. But time, and Mr. Meehan, have proved them wrong.

Mr. Meehan was born and bred on the land in the Gunnehah district of N.S.W., but the property was sold when his father died. Mr. Meehan went into the hotel business and at the end of 1936 came to Sydney and took over the Town Hall Hotel which he still controls. But Mr. Meehan never lost his love of the land and soon started to look around.

"With my wife and daughter

I spent practically every week-end making car trips within 100 miles radius of Sydney," said Mr. Meehan. "I never could understand why something could not be done with the land near the city, and decided to buy a property.

"After some years of scouting I finally selected Castle Hill to try the experiments I had in mind. I bought two properties with two homes. The properties consisted of worn out orchards and unused poultry farms. That was late in 1940 when land was being sold in this area for the proverbial song," continued Mr. Meehan. "Eventually I bought 12 properties and they form the stud as it stands today. As each property was acquired it was cleared and sown to pasture.

"Most of the timber used in the stables and yards was milled off the property which now covers 300 acres."

He had the soil tested, found out the deficiencies which were mainly calcium and phosphorous. Liberal quantities of lime and super-phosphate were used in the sowing of all pastures. This proved the answer and the quality and quantity of pasture grown at Marylands amazed critics who doubted Mr. Meehan's sanity when he took over the land.

Quality of the yearlings raised at Marylands proves that, properly handled, there is a great future for most of the land, now more or less idle and neglected, only a comparatively short distance from Sydney.





*Miss Helen Meehan and Miss Betty Meehan hold the pets of Marylands — Golden Rule and Genista — with the house in the background.*

—(Photo, Courtesy Sporting Life)

In a normal season Marylands is the show place of the district. But it is by no means a glamour stud. It is practical, run on scientific lines and is laid out so that there is a minimum waste of time and labour.

Well-constructed stables can accommodate 25 horses. Quarters for the stud stallion Gaekwar's Pride, are not bettered by any stud in Australia. Ten paddocks have catchment dams as well as a reticulated water supply from the city.

Veterinary surgeon, Mr. L. A. Monk, who has a wide experience of studs in Australia, is a regular visitor to Marylands. The vet. looks forward to his Marylands' trip and not only because he enjoys his swim in the homestead pool and his game of billiards in the beautifully-appointed billiard room.

"The stud is well-run and not a step is taken without first getting expert advice," said Mr. Monk. "It's a pleasure to work at a stud where veterinary advice is carried out so thoroughly."

The stud is under the complete control of Mr. Meehan. Treatment of land, pasture sowing and feeding is under the owner's personal supervision. But when it comes to the finer points of breeding and mating, or the purchase of stock, Mr. Meehan always consults Mr. Claude Magennis, of the bloodstock firm of Wm. Inglis and Son.

"It was on the advice of Mr. Magennis that I bought Gaekwar's Pride in England in 1948," said Mr. Meehan.

With Gaekwar's Pride two mares take their place with him as the pride and joy of Marylands. The mares are Golden Rule and Genista, who laid the foundation for the success of the stud. They are more or less idolised by Mr. Meehan and his wife, but many starting price bookmakers still shudder when they hear the names of either of the mares.

Golden Rule and Genista, who were raced by Mr. Meehan's wife, gave her two wins from three starts and landed big S.P. coups. Their successes made it

possible for work to be done at Marylands which otherwise may have taken years to carry out.

Because of developmental work at the stud Mr. Meehan had not attended a race meeting for nearly five years. However, he realised that he needed a racing interest if the stud was to flourish. It was necessary to buy fillies and young mares, race them, and give them a short turf career in order to secure worthwhile matrons for the stud. So at the yearling sales of 1944 he bought for his wife a filly by J. R. Smith from Muscovadia and named her Genista. The filly originally was knocked down to a city businessman, Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Brooks gave 250 guineas for the filly, became dissatisfied with his purchase and resold her to Mr. Meehan. A few months later the mare Golden Rule was bought for Mrs. Meehan.

A fortnight after the purchase, Golden Rule won at 8/1 at New-castle, much to the sorrow of S.P. bookmakers who paid out heavily. Then Genista, a short time later, failed at her first run in the Gimerack Stakes. One week later she cleared out with the Widden Stakes at Randwick. Her starting price was 25/1.

Golden Rule, who is closely related to Metropolitan winner Grand Fils, has carried on her good work for the stud. Her first living foal was now the brilliant sprinter, Free Rule. Golden Rule at present has another foal at foot.

Marylands' best yearlings are offered for sale. All go up for auction except occasionally a filly or two which are held out for stud purposes.

In 1946 Marylands decided to send three mares to New Zealand to be mated with the stallions Neptune (imp.) and Coronach (imp.).

Mares selected for the trip were the two "pets." Golden Rule and Genista, and Ravids,

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a mare by Midstream from Impression. They were in N.Z. for two seasons.

Rapids had a filly by Coronach at the first mating, but the foal died at birth. She came back to Marylands and lost twins from a mating with Neptune.

Genista failed to breed to Neptune in two matings.

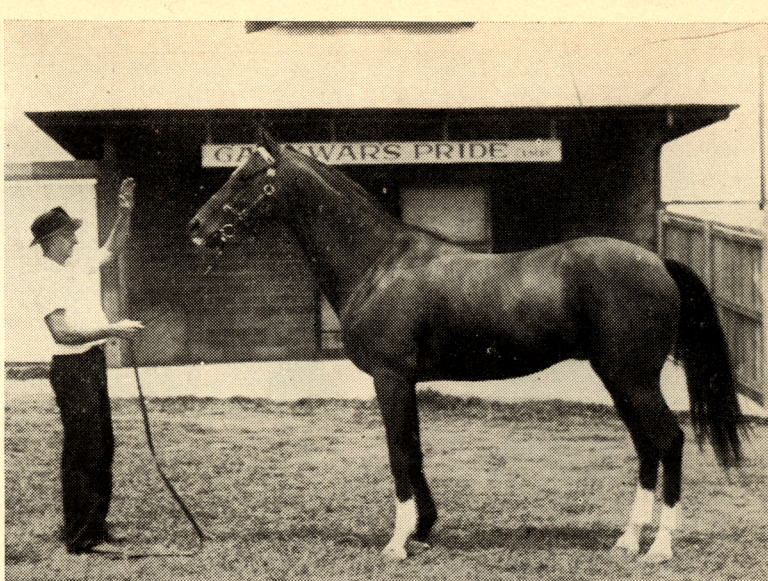
Golden Rule had twins, both of whom died, to Neptune at her first season, then came home to produce a chestnut colt (Free Rule) by the same sire.

So the New Zealand venture produced only Free Rule, who sold for 600 guineas. Cost of the trip for the three mares was £900. However, Marylands still will send mares to N.Z. for desirable matings, which might improve the blood lines of the stud.

Original policy of the stud was to run a few high-class mares and send them to leading sires. But Mr. Meehan was always on the lookout for a suitable stallion, and has asked Mr. Magennis, a breeding expert, to let him know of any likely sires coming on the market. Then in 1948 Mr. Magennis heard that the Gaekwar of Baroda was reducing his enormous string of thoroughbreds. Included in the sale was Gaekwar's Pride, who was bought by Mr. Meehan on the advice of Mr. Magennis. Gaekwar's Pride, who stands at Marylands, was a good performer in England. He won nine races which included eight mile handicaps.

When Gaekwar's Pride's first yearlings were auctioned at Newmarket Stables, seven of them were sold at an average price of 1103 guineas, highest average of any new sire at the 1951 sales.

Gaekwar's Pride stands 16.1 hands and is splendidly endowed with every qualification needed for a successful sire. He possesses



*Gaekwar's Pride — and his fine stable at Marylands*

—(Photo, Courtesy Sporting Life)

ses a rich inheritance of great bloodline, and is a son of Fair Trial, one of the best sires in England. He is a grandson of Fairway, who was four times leading sire.

Mr. Meehan would not even guess at the value of the 30 mares at Marylands Stud. Money couldn't buy Golden Rule or Genista while many of the other mares are of high value.

The mare, Fanfarade, produced the first foal born at the stud. This was Photinia, a subsequent Randwick winner, who is now a matron at the stud. Other winners thrown by Fanfarade are Londonderry and The Gong.

Kamilaroy's first three foals were all winners. They were Lord Rex, Riptide and Clubman.

Nebraska, winner of 14 races, produced Grand Boy, Oregon, Whistling Boomerang and Grand Island, all of whom won races.

Buffet, a full sister to brilliant sprinter Trimmer, is the dame of King Richard, Trimstyle and Punjabi.

Part of the policy of the stud is to purchase well bred yearling fillies and mares. These are

leased or raced by Mr. Meehan, retired at an early date, and returned to the stud as brood mares.

The good start given by Genista and Golden Rule has continued for the stud. Winners raced by Mrs. Meehan in recent years are Photinia, Recite, and Belle Cherie, who proved a first class racing mare, and the brilliant mare Carriole, who was beaten inches by Tesmie and Journalist in last season's Civic Handicap at Randwick. But none of these winners has any chance of ousting Genista and Golden Rule from their position as the "pride and joy of Marylands."

## OBITUARIES

R. V. DIMOND

Elected 6/1/1930

Died 17/7/1953

J. C. CARTER

Elected 28/7/1941

Died 27/7/1953

RONALD HUDSON

Elected 26/5/1941

Died 2/8/1953

J. A. CHEW

Elected 10/6/1919

Died 9/8/1953



# Billiards and Snooker

## RESULTS — Coronation Billiards Tournament

### SECOND ROUND

J. P. O'Neill	(R. 100) beat	C. L. Parker	(R. 120) by	51
T. B. Dwyer	(R. 100) „	J. H. Peoples	(R. 110) „	7
Alan Turner	(R. 100) „	A. Buck	(R. 120) „	forfeit
J. L. Monaro	(R. 100) „	D. Lotherington	(R. 120) „	38
G. R. Bryden	(R. 90) „	N. Seamonds	(R. 160) „	25
C. H. Oswald-Sealey	(R. 80) „	J. Davis	(R. 125) „	31
W. E. Tinkler	(R. 80) „	E. Lyons	(R. 60) „	95
G. J. C. Moore	(R. 130) „	L. P. Plasto	(R. 105) „	45
G. J. Mousally	(Owes 20) „	L. H. Howarth	(R. 105) „	15
L. J. Haigh	(R. 60) „	A. J. Chown	(R. 25) „	55
S. Peters	(R. 80) „	P. N. Roach	(R. 120) „	46
E. K. White	(R. 105) „	W. G. Hutchinson	(R. 100) „	104
N. R. Plomley	(R. 65) „	C. H. Oswald-Sealey	(R. 80) „	35
T. Leach	(R. 125) „	L. Williams	(R. 100) „	forfeit
K. Ranger	(R. 110) „	E. A. Davis	(R. 60) „	79
A. J. Howarth	(R. 65) „	H. Lesnie	(R. 110) „	20
J. Eaton	(R. 65) „	Ralph Hutchinson	(R. 140) „	1
W. Longworth	(Owes 60) „	V. L. Kirby	(R. 100) „	32
T. B. Dwyer	(R. 100) „	Alan Turner	(R. 100) „	54
J. P. O'Neill	(R. 100) „	A. R. Buckle	(R. 95) „	73
Dr. C. P. Ley	(R. 95) „	S. Peters	(R. 80) „	83
J. L. Monaro	(R. 100) „	N. E. Hough	(R. 20) „	forfeit
G. R. Bryden	(R. 90) „	H. J. Robertson	(Owes 75) „	94

## RESULTS — Coronation Snooker Tournament

### THIRD ROUND

A. J. Keeling	(R. 45) beat	J. R. Barrett	(R. 45) by	42
G. Fienberg	(R. 25) „	C. F. Scarf	(R. 60) „	7
H. J. Robertson	(R. 47) „	N. C. White	(R. 5) „	20
H. Hill	(R. 43) „	A. S. Gordon	(R. 50) „	56
P. J. Schwarz	(R. 33) „	N. E. Hough	(R. 15) „	55
V. L. Kirby	(R. 45) „	W. E. Tinkler	(R. 37) „	3
N. E. Hough	(R. 15) „	M. W. McIver	(R. 55) „	forfeit
A. J. Keeling	(R. 45) „	A. J. Chown	(R. 25) „	17
A. J. Howarth	(R. 35) „	A. Turner	(R. 40) „	23
W. G. Marshall	(R. 50) „	E. A. Davis	(R. 25) „	24
K. F. E. Fidden	(R. 32) „	J. Eaton	(R. 35) „	3
C. H. Oswald-Sealey	(R. 37) „	P. N. Roach	(R. 55) „	24
L. H. Howarth	(R. 32) „	G. J. C. Moore	(R. 55) „	35
J. P. O'Neill	(R. 40) „	S. M. Norton	(R. 5) „	40
A. J. Howarth	(R. 35) „	G. J. Mousally	(R. 12) „	28
H. F. R. Brooks	(R. 45) „	A. M. Watson	(R. 28) „	56
Dr. B. Williams	(R. 45) „	D. Bloomfield	(R. 45) „	13
S. G. Sweet	(R. 50) „	B. M. Lane	(R. 27) „	56
J. F. O'Sullivan	(R. 50) „	A. V. Miller	(R. 28) „	27
J. L. Pick	(R. 42) „	C. H. Oswald-Sealey	(R. 37) „	31

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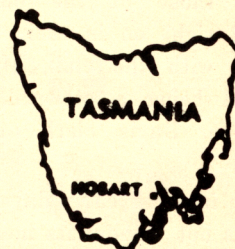
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# “Canterbury”—

## *A Record of Progress*

**Canterbury Park's history, or that which can be traced, goes right away back to 1853. Details naturally are sketchy, but according to one historian, the journey to the races was a series of bumps and thumps, the course, such as it was, being indicated through the scrub by one lone flag.**

**T**HE sole building was the primitive liquor bar, the attendance at time of starting was twenty-three, and the starters for the first race consisted of five sorry nags.

Racing proper on the Canterbury Park racecourse, as it is now known, began on November 9, 1871. The attendance was not exactly overwhelming at 300, but six events were provided, with a total of twenty-seven starters.

Some good old names were among those of the officials carried right on in their association with the club, Mr. F. Clissold being a steward, and Mr. Geo. Davis clerk of the course.

Even in those early days racing was not without its incident. The pony event saw three of the

five starters disqualified through carrying too much overweight, another disqualified for going inside a flag, leaving one who did not misbehave in any way, to be declared the winner.

In the final event, according to the history book, Saddler won mainly through the bad riding of Nemo's jockey, another instance that racing and criticism are inseparable and inevitable.

Finally there was a threat of legal proceedings concerning the age of Illawarra, winner of the Canterbury Handicap, but the prize was paid over, to the disgust of the owner of the second, who wrote his mind to the “Town and Country Journal,” but publication was declined by the editor.

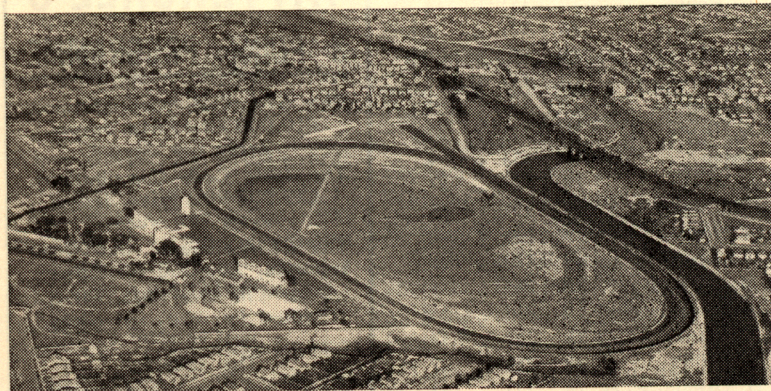
These early meetings on the property leased from the late

Mr. Thomas Austen Davis, and formerly a bullock paddock, became the site of the present Canterbury course. In addition to being a racecourse, it was the local cricket ground.

The early programmes at these meetings hardly conformed to modern standards with heats, and the average distances being well over a mile. The meetings were carried on for several years, promoted by a group of enthusiasts who found the money and took losses or gains as they came along. So long as the racing was good and interesting, apparently they were satisfied. It was soon discovered, however, that something more was necessary, so in 1883 the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company came into being with a capital of £42,000, divided into 84 shares of £500 each.

The first directors were Messrs. F. Clissold, W. Davis, J. T. Nightingale, C. J. Ford, James Kellick, John Spencer and M. Seale.

About the middle of the year the present club's property had been purchased and a start made on the preparation of a real racecourse. A piece of bad luck saw the missing of some extra land on the eastern side of the course, but for which a mile and a quarter circuit would have been possible. However, Messrs. Clissold and Davis lost no time in getting to work, and by the end of 1883 all was ready for the opening meeting.



*A fine aerial view of Canterbury Park*

—(Photo, Courtesy “The Sun”)



A special party was given in celebration, the A.J.C. Committee and the Press representatives being conveyed from Sydney in a dray drawn by four greys, a circuit of the track being part of the programme. Trees surrounded the course, which in those days was to all intents and purposes a bush-track. The appointments cost £850, but all, including the running track, was liberally praised. The clearing of the track of trees and scrub and the consequent ploughing and planting of grass were the biggest jobs, but all was well done.

January 19, 1884, saw the first meeting under the aegis of the Canterbury Park Race Club, now absorbed into the Sydney Turf Club. The sale of the gate realised £269 at auction, which went far towards paying the £300 prize-money for five events. The attendance was estimated at 5,000, and it is interesting to note that in these days of the late start, the first race was timed for 1.30. Obviously there is really nothing new. The riders on that opening day included W. Kelso and S. R. Lamond, sen., later No. 1 trainers at Randwick.

The lesson learned from the first race meeting was that more land had to be secured, and an additional seven acres were purchased adjoining the course, which enabled the club to increase the accommodation for the paddock patrons, and provide a cheaper or St. Leger reserve.

Accordingly, for the second meeting in March of 1884, there was improvement all round, the prize money going to £500 for the five races, for which there were 55 starters. It was a bad day for backers, but from the Selling Race the club netted £160 out of the sale of Paul for £185. A Ladies' Bracelet on the programme brought out only two

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gentlemen riders, but one of them, Mr. W. Frost, won on Exchange against the professionals.

In its first year the Canterbury Park Club distributed over £2,000 in prizemoney. It filled a niche in the racing scheme, for, prior to its advent there were only 22 racing days all told in Sydney. Naturally the club was welcomed by owners and trainers, who had been forced to go to the country or other States.

In the first five years the club paid out £18,429 in prizes, and in ten years £37,914. In the first twenty years the sum of £71,500 was reached.

During the next twenty years the club marched still further along the road of progress. Five figures, or £11,650, were reached for the first time, in 1921. In 1926 the top of a curve was reached at £14,670.

There were, of course, fluctuations of fortune, for bad seasons had their effect on racing. In 1900, for various

reasons, the prizemoney fell away to £2,800.

There has been a singular continuity of officials throughout the life of the Canterbury Park Club. Mr. W. L. Davis, who was so prominent in the original organisation, was chairman from 1890 to 1893. Mr. Davis, having other important matters in hand, gave way in his dual position as secretary, to be followed in succession by Major Nelson, Mr. G. W. S. Rowe, Mr. M. Seale, and then Mr. Davis came in again as general manager and secretary. In 1924 he decided to retire, and handed over to Mr. Horrie Evans.

After 1893, Mr. Davis was followed as chairman, by Mr. A. T. D. Jones, Mr. James Kellick, Mr. Richard Shute, and then in 1912 Mr. F. G. Underwood took over, and has carried on until the present day. Mr. Underwood now has his fellow directors, Dr. T. A. Daly, Mr. S. R. Allt, and Mr. H. S. Clissold, the last-named maintaining a name connected with the club from its outset.

To Mr. Davis goes the credit of instituting divisions, a humane precaution which was frowned on by the A.J.C. Committee of the time, adjudged a breach of the rules of racing, and cost Mr. Davis a £50 fine. At that time the rules said that no race should be run in heats. A bad accident had brought about the death of a jockey, Harley, at Canterbury, and Mr. Davis, with this in mind, de-

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clined to permit 36 horses to start in the Canterbury Handicap on July 31, 1897. Late scratchings reduced the field to 22, but Mr. Davis had arranged three divisions, and so it was decided. However, the A.J.C. could see no difference in heats and divisions, and Mr. Davis was warned as well as fined.

However, just a little later, the rules of racing were amended, but not until December of 1917 is there a record of another divided race at Canterbury Park.

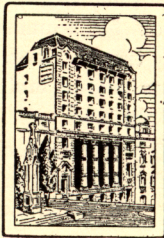
For about five years the club, in common with those at Rosehill, Moorefield, and Warwick Farm, indulged in pony and Galloway racing. Stakes were not high, but during the period at Canterbury the club paid away a round total of £12,000. The Rosehill Club provided the first break away, going to Kensington, which commenced the round of pony courses.

The six strand barrier, which was adopted in many countries other than Australia, had its genesis at Canterbury Park. Mr. George Gray tried out the first barrier at Canterbury. His collection of straps, ropes and bamboo rattled enough to drive crazy any ordinary field of horses. However, Mr. Gray persisted, and improved, and his son, Mr. R. Gray, has carried on until he had perfected the almost perfect machine.

The club suffered under the

handicap in the early days of lack of adequate transport arrangements, the nearest point by train being Ashfield. Eventually, however, the line was brought handy to the course, and the surrounding districts became populated. Then improvements were necessary to the course, the six furlong chute came into being, and new stands and appointments were necessary at a cost of £75,000, which made the original sum, £850, for improvements, appear rather a joke. The

introduction of the totalisator saw further expenditure, buildings and installation running away with another £26,000, or a rough total of £100,000. So Canterbury Park goes along, well established, with a populous district loyal to its course, instead of bush and scrub of the early days. The motor car has brought Canterbury just a hop, step and jump from the city, so all appears fair for the future, under the present progressive S.T.C. direction.



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# SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

## ATHLETICS

**T**WO English and two German athletes may visit Australia next summer.

The English athletes are Gordon Pirie and Chris Chataway, and the Germans are Karl Friedrich Haas and Werner Lueg.

The secretary of the Australian Athletic Union, Mr. Arthur Hodsdon, acting on behalf of the N.S.W. and Victorian Associations, has negotiated with the athletic controlling bodies of England and Germany.

Pirie, Chataway and Lueg are distance runners from a mile to six miles. Haas is better suited over 400 metres.

In negotiating for runners over these distances, the associations concerned have in mind that Australia's best runners are John Landy, Les Perry and Edwin Carr.

Tasmania comes into the negotiations because that State will hold its 150th Anniversary next year and will have money to contribute towards the heavy expenses of bringing world class athletes to the country.

Haas in the European athletic season at Milan, on June 28, ran the 400 metres in 46.3s., the fastest time in the world this year.

Haas was the only white man to make the final of the 400 metres at the 1952 Olympic Games. He was placed fourth.

Lueg was third to Josef Barthel (Luxemburg) and Bob McMillen (U.S.A.) in the 1,500 metres final at the Helsinki Games.

He is co-holder with Gundar Haegg and Lennart Strand (Sweden) of the world record time for 1,500 metres, 3m. 43s.

Gordon Pirie recently won the English cross country championship by a big margin.

He holds the world record time for the six miles and the British record for three miles.

Chataway runs for Oxford University.

## RACING

**R**ANDWICK trainer, T. J. Smith, established a post-war record of 55 winners on metropolitan tracks for the 1952-53 season which ended at Rosehill on July 26.

N. Sellwood won the jockeys' premiership, for the fourth time in five years, with 63 winners.

Smith, top trainer for the first time, won more than £62,000 in prizemoney for his clients.

A comparison of training figures for the previous six years emphasises Smith's remarkable run of successes this season.

J. McCurley was top trainer in 1946-47 with 19½ winners, and the late B. R. Payten with 32½ winners in 1947-48.

M. McCarten then won the premiership for the next four seasons with 31, 35, 38 and 36 wins respectively.

Sellwood, who first won the premiership in 1948-49, is the most consistent jockey to ride in Australia for years.

His previous winning totals are 65½, 66 and 63. He would have won every premiership for the past five years but for being in England for most of the 1950-51 season.

Leading jockey in Melbourne is W. Williamson with 48 wins, while J. Stanfield (56½) easily topped the list in Brisbane.

## CRICKET

**A**LEC BEDSER'S superb bowling in the current test series has inevitably revived the argument as to whether he is a greater bowler than Maurice Tate.

Two great Australian batsmen disagree on the subject. Sir Donald Bradman regards the Bedser of 1946-47 as a greater bowler than the Maurice Tate of 1928-29. William Ponsford, also a batting record breaker, does not agree.

This is revealed by Keith Miller and R. S. Whittington in their latest co-authored book, "Bumper."

Ponsford batted against Tate first in 1924. In the Sydney Test to that series the toothy Englishman took six for 130 from 55 overs in the first innings and five for 98 from 33 overs in the second.

Of Tate, Ponsford says, "I never played a better bowler of his type. He had tremendous pace and lift off the pitch. He seemed faster off the wicket than the majority of fast bowlers.

"He might not have been quite as fast off the pitch as Larwood but his short approach to the crease made him seem faster.

"I watched Bedser closely in 1946-47 and 1950-51 and I don't believe Bradman would have ranked him above Tate had he played against the 'Big Fellow' at his best."

Bradman did not play against Tate until 1928-29, when, incidentally, the Englishman referred to the Australian as "a rabbit."

In summing up the author's writing, "It seems that Tate, partly because of faster pitches,



gained greater pace and lift from the wicket; that Tate produced the dangerous outswinger more regularly than Bedser.

"On the other hand modern batsmen agree that Bedser, for his pace, can cut the ball either way off the wicket more than any bowler they have played. They doubt whether Tate, on the faster wickets of his day, could have equalled Bedser's ability in this respect."

This is one of the many interesting cricket questions discussed in "Bumper," which gets its title from a chapter dealing with the rights or wrongs of short-pitched fast ones.

A considerable section of "Bumper" is devoted to the tour of Australia by "Happy Jack" Cheetham's South African team, a tour which upset a lot of cricket ideas.

## BREEDING

**T**HE line of sprinters which has come from The Boss is one of the most remarkable branches of the famous Bend Or strain of stallions.

The Boss was a sprinter and founded a dynasty of his own which has carried on with remarkable success.

Bend Or sired Ormonde, who was unbeaten as a racehorse. Ormonde sired Orme, whose dam was a sister to the great progenitor St. Simon. Orme sired Orby, sire of The Boss.

Orme was the best horse of his year. He sired among others, Flying Fox, who, in turn, carried on the line with horses who could run a distance.

Orby was from an American mare, a daughter of Hanover, who, according to English Stud Book standards, carried "impure" blood.

Orby was always in the English Stud Book, but for very

many years other horses showing Hanover in their pedigrees were barred.

It is only in very recent years that this anomaly was corrected.

The Boss, through Orby, inherited a strain of American blood, and his dam, Southern Cross II, gave him a dash of Australian blood, because Southern Cross was bred in Tasmania and exported to England.

Southern Cross came from an imported mare Sophietina, who was brought from England about 1880, foaling Albatross after she arrived here.

Whether the American influence changed the character of the line will never be known. It would be just as wise to claim that the English line itself entered into a caprice to produce sprinters and not stayers.

At all events The Boss was a sprinter — and not very successful at that. Yet he sired two sons who gave him fame.

They were Sir Cosmo and Golden Boss.

From Sir Cosmo came Panorama, which is represented here by the highly successful stallions Port Vista and Pamphilos.

Golden Boss was the product of line breeding to Bend Or, since his dam was by a son of Bend Or.

Golden Boss was an outstanding sprinter and was unbeaten as a three or four years old.

Next in the descent was Gold Bridge, who was the result of a doubtful mating: his dam was first sent to Swynford, and not showing in foal was sent to Golden Boss.

Unquestionably the acceptance of Golden Boss as the sire was correct because Gold Bridge showed all the character of the line, both as a racehorse and as a sire.

One of his sons is Squander Bug (imp.) now with Port Vista at Oak Range Stud at Scone.

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## JACK CRAWFORD ON WIMBLEDON

**T**HE lesson of this year's Wimbledon is that Australia does not have a mortgage on the Davis Cup.

But we would have had a more effective guide to our prospects if American Tony Trabert had been a competitor. Released from the American Navy during the Wimbledon tournament, Trabert will play an important role in the Davis Cup. Trabert's clashes with our stars, Ken Rosewall, Lewis Hoad and Mervyn Rose, in America in September, will give a clearer picture of Davis Cup Challenge Round prospects. Tony should be in good form by then.

The winning or losing of Wimbledon is not vitally important from a Davis Cup viewpoint. The fact that Dick Savitt won Wimbledon singles in 1951, but was dropped a few months later from the American Davis Cup team, indicates that performances at Wimbledon do not have a very important bearing on ultimate results in the Davis Cup.

Rosewall made history this year by being the youngest player ever to win the Australian title. The 18-year-old Rosewall repeated his Australian title performance with grand wins

against allcomers in the French title. His Wimbledon loss was to be expected because such a young player cannot be expected to continue winning all the year round.

The strain of being No. 1 seed and favourite for the Wimbledon singles probably upset Rosewall's nervous system. Dane Kurt Nielsen, who beat Rosewall in a five-set quarter final at Wimbledon, had victories against Frank Sedgman in Europe last year, so we should not be discouraged by Rosewall's defeat.

Harry Hopman had an excuse for Rosewall for the defeat by Nielsen, but I don't think we need alibis when losing to a player as good as Nielsen. No alibi was produced after Rosewall's match against Jack Arkin-stall. That was poor form. Rosewall lost the first two sets and that was a big lead to give anyone.

Hoad's displays at this stage of the tour show continued improvement in his singles play, and his quarter-final match against Vic Seixas suggests to me that it might be the last time Seixas will ever score against him. Some say that Hoad does not concentrate, but I don't agree. Hoad has been reported to be casual, but this trait in his character produces

brilliant play that invariably pleases everyone.

If Rosewall and Hoad continue to progress as we hope, it is unlikely that Mervyn Rose will be used in the Challenge Round singles. But what a grand player he is to have in an emergency.

We can take solace from Wimbledon by our performances. Rose gave some very pleasing displays while the play of Rosewall and Hoad was wonderful for such young players. The main purpose of this tour was not so much to win as to give the young Australians (I don't mean just Rosewall and Hoad) greater experience. Such players as Rex Hartwig and Ian Ayre will benefit greatly from such a trip.

There is no doubt that such a trip can be the greatest experience a player can get. Apart from the wide variety of tennis courts the tourists also have variety in opponents. The main purpose of this trip was to give the Australian lads plenty of tough tournament play, and this they have been getting and will continue to get when they return to Australia at the start of the Australian season.

I feel the results of the whole of the tour show that the L.T.A.A. did the right thing in sending a team of six away to gain experience. This will be proved when the team is called upon to defend the Davis Cup in Melbourne at the end of the year.

I feel that Ayre and Hartwig are very little behind the stars in our team, and if they can learn some lessons and straighten out some of their weaknesses they could reach the top rung of Australian tennis. In any case they will certainly be the means of keeping our top ranking players on their toes.

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# Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ **August, 1932**

CAN you remember back to the time when "Mo" was one of a two-man team — Stiffy and Mo? Nat Phillips, the original Stiffy, entertained members, both out of the Club at the Tivoli — and in it, when he was in Sydney. He died, still a young man, in 1932, and the magazine of the day records his passing with regret.

GUESTS at the Club in August 1932, included the American boxer "Young" Stribling, staying here with his father and trainer, Clyde Chastain. History does not record whether he made use of the Third Floor for training — or, indeed, whether any members were brash enough to be among his sparring partners.

TREASURER John Roles may remember August, 1932. He and Mrs. Roles were in France, and Mrs. Roles — so the Magazine states — left some hundreds of pounds worth of jewellery in a Paris taxi that they engaged to take them from the station. Wonder of wonders, the jewel case was returned with contents intact.

*THERE was a particularly fine concert in the Club Room on 15th August, 1932 — a grand antidote to the Depression outside, as the Magazine puts it.*

SOCIAL activity in the Club was well organised in 1932 — perhaps because organisation of matters like golf fixtures was

easier in those days, partly also because the times led members to appreciate the simpler things like pleasant companionship and congenial surroundings. There was a Swimming Club Ball — an annual event that the years have not dimmed in glory. There were the Inter-Club games in billiards, dominoes and bridge — in July, 1932, we met the Masonic Club; honours were even, we won the bridge and billiards, Masonic won the snooker and the dominoes. Apart from these events there was a billiards and snooker tournament in progress, and a domino tournament just starting.

THE Golf Club met at Pymble on July 27, 1932. J. B. Dowling won Dr. Loudon's trophy for the best card, 4-up; the A grade went to Arthur Miller and the B grade to a new member, F. Paul. It was a grand day, so the history relates.

JULY, 1932 also saw the annual Golf Ball — held in the Club Room after dinner on the fourth floor, with a full turn-up and many outside guests from the various Clubs that had handled our golf fixtures during the previous year.

THE Swimming Club, apart from social events, was "resting." Hans Robertson was Club Champion in the pool, but a promising young Randwick and Coogee swimmer named Vic Richards was expected to give him a good challenge in the season ahead.

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### AUGUST

Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	22
(At Warwick Farm)			
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	29
(At Rosehill)			

### SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	5
(At Canterbury)			
Tattersall's Club	.....	Sat.	12
(At Randwick)			
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	19
(At Rosehill)			
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	26
(At Rosehill)			

### OCTOBER

Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	3
(At Randwick)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Mon.	5
(At Randwick)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Wed.	7
(At Randwick)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	10
(At Randwick)			
City Tattersall's	.....	Sat.	17
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	24
(At Canterbury)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	31
(At Randwick)			

### NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	7
(At Rosehill)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	14
(At Warwick Farm)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	21
(At Warwick Farm)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	28
(At Randwick)			

### DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	5
(At Rosehill)			
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	12
(At Rosehill)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	19
(At Randwick)			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	26
(At Randwick)			



## SPRINT CHAMPION

**A**USTRALIA'S national 100yd. sprint champion Hector Hogan this month put away his fishing rod and took up his running shoes to begin strenuous training which he hopes will carry him to the 1954 Empire Games in Canada.

Hogan, for the past six months, has forgotten all about running and has devoted most of the time to his favourite off-season sport of rod fishing.

But from now on he will systematically reduce his weight from the 114, to which he purposely built up during the off-season, to his record breaking best at 10.12.

This 21-year-old, 5 ft. 7 in. slimly built Queenslander is the fastest sprinter Australia has produced. He shares the national sprint record of 9.5 secs. with Panamanian Lloyd La Beach, and next season he might even lower that time.

Hogan has one big advantage over many other top-class athletes. He has no weight worries. He eats what he likes, as much as he likes and as often as he likes.

"Hustling Hec" is determined to get to the Canadian Games but he hasn't given much thought to the Melbourne Olympic Games, two years later. He will see how his form is when the time comes.

Hogan, a casual sort of fellow, will talk about running, if you ask him, otherwise he'll tell you quite a lot about fishing.

He declares quite definitely

that young West Australian runner Graham Gibson, is one of the most promising athletes he has seen. In Hogan's opinion Gibson was the outstanding performer at the last Australian championships.

Hogan, in smashing record after record last season, probably had more to contend with than most champions. In the middle of his preparation and just before the Australian titles he had part of his jaw removed. An abscess developed and when four teeth had to come out the operation meant removing part of the jaw.

Hogan was out of action for four weeks which left him only three weeks to reach his peak. But at Perth he ran away with the 100 yd. title in 9.7 secs.

In Queensland he won the State title in 9.5 secs. and the following fortnight in Sydney he sensationally recorded 9.5 secs. in a whirlwind finish.

Hogan was unknown and an outsider when he settled down beside John Treloar and the other famed runners at the 1951 Australian titles at Brisbane. But he was first to break the tape and what an outcry he created. Many had claimed he got a "fly."

But Hec — and he has proved it since — declared he hadn't "broken." He got a flying start as a result of special training methods he learned from former champion Graham McLaughlin and his trainer Joe Moylan.

At training, Hec mostly runs alone and never goes "flat out."

He concentrates chiefly on fast starts and he never trains against fast runners because he says, it tends to make him go fast.

In the Queensland titles last season Hogan took the 220 yards in the resident record time of 21.7. secs. He also won the broad jump and hop, step and jump titles. In the 220 yard event he defeated Brian Butterfield who won the National Title at Perth. Hogan did it on a preparation for a 100 yard sprint.

Hogan didn't contest the 220 yards in Perth, his mission being the 100 yards.

Hogan, like few champions before him, did little running as a schoolboy at Marist Brothers College, Rosalie, Brisbane. After finishing school he remained very slim and riding a bike 15 miles to and from work each day didn't help to put on weight.

He took up running in a half-hearted manner but did better than he expected. He went quickly from the junior to senior ranks. He was still eligible as a junior when he entered for both senior and junior events in his first State title attempt.

Then fate came into the picture. One week before the State championships Hogan sprained an ankle playing basketball.

That meant he would miss the titles so he then decided he wouldn't run any more. He would finish with athletics and concentrate on fishing.

But it rained the day of the titles and the race was postponed. That gave the ankle a chance to heal and, with it tightly bound, Hogan ran in the State 100 yard event. He beat Brian Butterfield in 9.8 secs.!

In the same season Hogan won the State junior and senior broad jump titles and the junior high jump. From then on he beat all his opponents until his Australian-shattering 9.5 secs. last year.

## QUOTA - AUGUST, 1953

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# PICTURE OF THE MONTH



## ***Norwegian Sets New Ski Jump Record***

*The Australian Ski Jumping Competitions were held at Guthega, near Cooma, under the direction of the N.S.W. Ski Council — of which Sverre Kaaten is President. Sverre's ski-jump record, set some years ago, was broken with a jump of 51 metres, by Norwegian Syvert Raynevand, who is here shown in mid-air in correct and classical ski-jumpers' poise.*

—(Photo, Courtesy Sydney Morning Herald)



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#### NOVICE HANDICAP

(FOR HORSES THREE-YEARS-OLD AND UPWARDS)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 10th September, 1953; with £800 added. Second horse £160, and third horse £80 from the prize. For horses which at the time of starting have not since 31st December, 1952, won a Transition, Encourage or Trial Race, or a Graduation Stakes, or have never won a race on the flat of the value to the winner of more than £100. Provided that a horse which has won a Maiden, Improvers', Progressive, Intermediate, Advanced or Approved Race, or, as a maiden horse, a Mixed Stakes or Graduation Stakes, irrespective of the stake won in each race, shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. Further provided that a horse which has won since 31st December, 1952, four Novice Races of the value to the winner of £100 or less in each race shall not be eligible to compete. Notwithstanding the above provisions, a horse which has won a race for two-year-olds of the value to the winner of not more than £1,000 shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. **ONE MILE AND A HALF**

#### THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 10th September, 1953; with £950 added. Second horse £190, and third horse £95 from the prize. For Three and Four-Year-Olds at time of starting. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. **ONE MILE.**

#### HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 10th September, 1953; with £950 added. Second horse £190, and third horse £95 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 8st. 7lb. **SEVEN FURLONGS**

#### TRAMWAY HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £14 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 10th September, 1953; with £1,400 added. Second horse £280, and third horse £140 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. (No allowances for Apprentices). **SEVEN FURLONGS**

#### THE CHELMSFORD STAKES

(WEIGHT-FOR-AGE, WITH ALLOWANCES FOR HORSES THREE-YEARS-OLD AND UPWARDS)

A Sweepstakes of £20 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 10th September, 1953; with £2,000 added. Second horse £400, and third horse £200 from the prize. Horses which, at time of starting, have not won a flat race of the value to the winner of £750, allowed 7lb.; of £1,000, allowed 5lb. Maidens at time of starting, allowed: Three-year-olds, 10lb.; Four-year-olds, 14lb.; Five-year-olds and upwards, 21lb. Owners and trainers must claim allowances due at date when making entries. (No allowances for Apprentices). **ONE MILE AND A FURLONG**

#### SPRING HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £14 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 10th September, 1953; with £1,400 added. Second horse £280, and third horse £140 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. (No allowances for Apprentices). **ONE MILE AND A QUARTER**

#### WELTER HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 10th September, 1953; with £950 added. Second horse £190, and third horse £95 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. 7lb. **ONE MILE**

*Entries close before 3 p.m. on MONDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1953*

WEIGHTS to be declared at 10 a.m. on Monday, 7th September, 1953.

ACCEPTANCES for all races are due before 12 noon on Thursday, 10th September, 1953, with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only.

PENALTIES.—In all races (unless otherwise provided) The Chelmsford Stakes excepted; the winner after the declaration of weights, of a flat race or races shall carry such additional weight (if any) for each win as the Handicapper shall determine (not exceeding in the aggregate 7lb.).

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower-weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such race without a division; Special Weight Races excepted.

The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

The forfeits paid for horses rejected to be refunded as provided in A.J.C. Rule 50 of Racing.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day, when such races are affected by the condition of elimination, a horse if an acceptor for more than one race shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme.

Provision shall be made for three Emergency Acceptors to replace horses scratched or withdrawn after final acceptances and prior to the times appointed for scratchings on the day of the meeting.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above Races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amounts of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

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